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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Ms. Raji Josiam  
Remedial Project Manager, 6SF-RA  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6  
1445 Ross Avenue  
Dallas, Texas 75202

Re: March 2018 Bi-Monthly Progress Report  
US Oil Recovery (USOR) Superfund Site  
Area of Investigation 1 (AOI-1), Pasadena, Texas

Dear Ms. Josiam:

Pursuant to Section IX, Paragraph 44 of the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (Settlement Agreement) for the above-referenced Site, Pastor, Behling & Wheeler, LLC (PBW) has prepared this bi-monthly progress report on behalf of the Respondents named in the Settlement Agreement. In accordance with the Settlement Agreement requirements, this progress report addresses the topics listed below:

1. Actions which have been taken to comply with the Settlement Agreement during the preceding two-month period – During the preceding two-month period (January-February), the Respondents performed additional work for the RI/FS in accordance with the RI/FS Work Plan, as follows:
  - Submitted Final Workplan Refinement/Modification Notice (WRN) No. AOI-1-6 (for work proposed to complete Iteration 1 activities) to EPA and TCEQ on January 3, 2018 (which was accepted by EPA on January 4, 2018);
  - Performed soil sampling and analysis as detailed in WRN No. AOI-1-6; and
  - Performed slug testing as detailed in WRN No. AOI-1-6.
2. Summary of quality-assured results of sampling, tests and all other quality-assured data received by Respondents during the preceding two-month period – No additional data were validated by Respondents during the preceding two-month period. Therefore, the database version sent with the preceding bi-monthly report is still valid and the database is not included with this report.
3. Work planned for next two months with schedules relating such Work to the overall project schedule for RI/FS completion – The following work is planned for the next two months:
  - Completion of laboratory analyses of soil samples collected in February, followed by validation of the analytical data;
  - Analysis of slug test field data collected in February;
  - Installation of groundwater monitoring wells and performance of groundwater sampling and analysis activities as detailed in WRN No. AOI-1-6;
  - Performance of groundwater tidal effects study as detailed in WRN No. AOI-1-6;

- Development of a structured database that will include the most recent field and analytical data. The updated database will be made available to EPA and TCEQ in an easily importable format.
  - Submittal of preliminary annotated outlines for the Screening Level Ecological Risk Assessment and the Baseline Human Health Risk Assessment for EPA review and subsequent discussion (date to be determined); and
  - Development of WRN No. AOI-7 for RI/FS Iteration No. 2 (bayou sediment and surface water) sampling activities.
4. Problems encountered, anticipated problems, actual or anticipated delays, and solutions developed and implemented to address any actual or anticipated problems or delays – Performance of the monitoring well installation and groundwater sampling and analysis activities described above was delayed due to access considerations/discussions with the Harris County Flood Control District for monitoring wells to be installed in the near vicinity of Vince Bayou. These activities are now being performed.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this progress report. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Project Coordinator

cc: Mr. Lam Tran – Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
Mr. Michael Cave – Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
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Mr. Matthew Wickham – PBW